

Developmental Disabilities Council  
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Meeting: Public Policy Committee

**Reading Number: 04-P9**

**Issue: Family Support /  
Respite/ Voluntary  
Placement Program**

Included in this Reading:  
Family Support Working Draft by DD Parent  
Coalitions

Background/Summary:  
This is background material for the committee  
discussion. The committee has had the  
program manager for the family support and  
voluntary placement programs as a speaker.

Action:  
Discussion

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WORKING DRAFT  
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Family Support Program

The Legislature recognizes that families are the major care providers for their son/daughter with a developmental disability.

For children under age 18, the legislature recognizes that it is in the best interests of a child to live in their family home. The Legislature also recognizes the benefit of supporting families to continue to care for their family member. The Legislature recognizes that many families have exceptional costs, both economic and emotional, while raising their child with developmental disabilities.

For individuals with a developmental disability over age 18, the legislature recognizes that the individual needs to live as independently as possible in the community. The legislature also recognizes that some individuals may choose to continue to live in the family home. Individuals/families will be provided information about available options, including recreation, employment, day programs and residential services.

The legislature recognizes that the purpose of Family Support Services is to provide low cost services to families which help prevent crisis and avoid higher cost services. Within appropriated funds, the department shall use funds allocated for the Family Support program to purchase goods and services within the following categories.

1) X percent of available funds from the appropriation of the Family Support Program is designated to pay for supports to prevent crisis and reduce or eliminate the need for out-of-home residential placement where the in-home placement is in the best interest of the individual. Respite, both in the home and in out of home community settings is recognized as an important service of the Family Support Program.

An individual who is on a Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver is not eligible for this program. If a family receives funding for the Family Support program through State Supplemental Payment (SSP), the combined total of SSP and Family Support shall not exceed the annual limit on the Basic Waiver for these particular services.

The department shall reassess every family currently receiving Family Support Services at their annual review, as well as assess new eligible applicants of the Division of Developmental Disabilities. The department shall document the individual's and family's need for services, provide clear information about available options and develop an individual service plan that clearly identifies the services provided, goals, objectives and responsible party. Individuals found to have ongoing needs that exceed the Family Support limit shall be assessed for the waiver.

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Each individual's service plan shall be reviewed and assessed annually by the department.

Within available funds, the department shall assist families to purchase services listed in current WACs 388.825.210 and 388.825.230

Funds distributed under this chapter may be used only to provide those goods and services necessary to meet the individual's and family's unmet needs as determined by the assessment and the individual service plan. Funding level for Family Support Services will be the same as on the BASIC waiver.

2. X percent of available funds from the appropriation of the Family Support Program is designated to pay for short term crisis intervention for individuals and their families who have experienced a change in circumstances since their previous assessment or was determined at their initial assessment. The department, with input from stakeholders, will establish criteria for use of Short Term Crisis funding. A family receiving short term crisis intervention shall be reassessed every three months to determine if the crisis need still exists. Short term crisis funding shall not exceed the individual lid of the Basic Waiver crisis funding. If the need is determined to be ongoing the individual shall have priority status for a wavier slot.

3) X percent of available funding from the appropriation of the Family Support Program is designated for community resources that will enable families to access local, appropriate services and supports, including information sharing and referral opportunities, respite, education, and emotional support that meets the needs of the individual and their family. These informational services shall be available to all individuals and their family who are enrolled with the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

All funding currently appropriated in the Division of Developmental Disabilities Family Support program will be reallocated to these three categories under this statute.

The Family Support Program will be added to the Caseload Forecast Program.

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# 2005-07 BUDGET ITEMS

## FOR UNSERVED INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

### FUNDING Summary:

	<u>State Dollars / biennium</u>
<b><u>FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDING:</u></b>	<b>\$2.85 million</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preventive services funding</li> <li>▪ Short term crisis intervention funding</li> <li>▪ Development of community respite for difficult to serve clients</li> </ul>	
<b><u>NEW MEDICAID WAIVER SLOTS:</u></b>	<b>\$4.1 million</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Job/day program for High School Grads: Basic Waiver</li> <li>▪ Children who have exceptional ongoing needs:</li> <li>▪ Senior Families: Basic plus waiver</li> </ul>	

**Total Cost \$6.95 million state funds, \$4.1 million federal funds.**

### Details:

#### 1. Family Support Funding

**Preventive Services:** 700 people who are not on a waiver would receive up to \$1450/yr for services such as respite, therapies, behavior support, medical equipment, excess medical expenses, and home modifications.

**Request: state dollars \$2 million/biennium**

**Short Term Crisis Intervention:** A minimum of 100 individuals in crisis who are not on a waiver would receive up to \$6000 per year in short-term crisis services.

**Request: state dollars \$.6 million/biennium**

**Development of Community Respite for People with Developmental Disabilities:** Funding to coordinate and expand recruitment and referral programs such as the Home Care Quality Authority, Childcare Resource and Referral, and The Foster Care Programs to increase availability of trained providers and enhance opportunities to provide community respite care for individuals with developmental disabilities including those in crisis.

**Request: state dollars \$.25million/biennium**

**TOTAL REQUEST FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDING \$2.85 million state dollars/biennium**

#### 2. NEW WAIVER SLOTS:

**Employment / Day Programs for High School Graduates: New slots on Basic Waiver**

By Taking advantage of the 50% Medicaid match by funding NEW slots on Basic Waiver 250 High School Graduates would receive: Funding for job services at \$6500/yr., Funding for "Family Support" waiver services at \$1450/yr. It is assumed that these individuals currently receive Medicaid Personal Care. Total STATE cost: \$3975/yr. per student.

**Request: state dollars \$2million/biennium**

**Children who have Exceptional Ongoing Needs, New Slots on Waivers:** \$1 million for new waiver slots to provide services for children with ongoing exceptional needs living with their family. We also support the development of a Medically Intensive Waiver.

**Request: state dollars \$1 million/biennium**

**Senior Families: New Basic Plus waiver or other Waiver slots:** 20 individuals would receive residential services (estimated cost: \$50,000 yr per person). It is estimated that 10 of those individuals would need employment services at \$9500 yr.

**Request: state dollars \$1.1 million/biennium**

**TOTAL REQUEST NEW WAIVER SLOTS: 4.1 million state dollars/biennium**

**TOTAL FEDERAL MATCH: 4.1 million/biennium**

**Look ahead: 2007-09 session:** Continued funding as above. In home or out of home care.